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My dear Dr. Kempner:

In amplification of my letter of 16 May 1947 on Mr. Wilhelm Ohnesorge and his war inventions, it is felt that no use can be made of him by this agency. However, the material which he has described is similar to some of the thoughts that have been expressed within American industry, and his discussion has been forwarded to them for such use as they care to make of it. If they should be interested in any further contact with him they will contact you directly.

May I again express my appreciation for your having brought this matter to my attention.

Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Subject: Memorandum from Wilhelm Ohnesorge.

Enclosures: a. Letter to Dr. Kempner.  
b. Letter from Dr. Kempner

1. Enclosed is the report of several war inventions which were submitted to Mr. R. M. W. Kempner, Deputy Chief of Counsel, Office of U.S. Chief of Counsel for War Crimes, APO 696-A c/o Postmaster, New York, and which he furnished to your office.

2. Mr. Ohnesorge's inventions appear to consist chiefly of recommendations in respect to television broadcasting, in particular, the establishment of a chain of television relays consisting of airplanes, each of which transmits the television impulses to the next; this procedure is intended to overcome the limitation of television broadcasting to within the line of sight of the broadcasting station.

3. There is little of intelligence value and there is no indication that Mr. Ohnesorge would be of particular intelligence interest. Rather, this appears to be an inventor's idea which has not been put into development or construction.

4. Since some of the thoughts that he has are similar to some recently published by the Radio Corporation of America, it is recommended that the (Unclassified) material be furnished to the Office of Technical Services of the Department of Commerce for transmission to the appropriate industrial concerns which may be working in the general line of long range television broadcasting. It is understood that the Office of Technical Services, although shortly to be deactivated, is still the agency through which such transmission to industry occurs.

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